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- Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Form PTO-1449, a copy of reference AG and English abstracts of references AG and AH cited thereon, and a copy of the International Search Report issued on November 24, 2004 in the corresponding PCT International Application. A copy of reference AH is not (and need not be) enclosed, because it has been transmitted to the USPTO by the International Searching Authority in the International processing of this PCT application.
- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed simultaneously with the above identified new patent application.

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- References AA to AF are in English. Reference AG corresponds to AD and AH corresponds to AE, from which the relevance can be determined in English. References AG and AH are accompanied by English Abstracts. Reference AH has been discussed at pages 1 to 3 of the present specification. Therefore no further discussion of the references is necessary.
- 4) Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of references AB, AF and AH by category ("A" means technological background). Thereby a concise explanation of the relevance has been provided (see MPEP §609).
- The Examiner is requested to consider all references of record, return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

Respectfully submitted, <u>Hans-Joachim GERHARDT et al.</u> Applicant

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